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In response to the October 19, 2001 Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In The Specification:

(Page 52, line 2) Materials and methods are provided which rapidly and specifically differentiate between pathogenic and non-pathogenic *Aspergillus* species in a biological sample.

In The Claims:

2. (Amended) A method of determining whether one or more